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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIHUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1. UNDER STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 128 OF 1971 AND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1967 DAGGA WOULD COME UNDER THE DESCRIPTION OF "CANABIS RESIN" WHICH IS DEFINED AS BEING "THE SEPARATED RESIN, WHETHER CRUDE OR PURIFIED, OBTAINED FROM ANY PLANT OF THE GENUS CANABIS."

2. THE POSSESSION OF DAGGA IS AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE AND CARRIES A PENLTY OF A FINE NOT EXCEEDING K500.00 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OF TO BOTH SUCH FINE AND SUCH IMPRISONMENT. HOWEVER, CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE MAY DEAL WITH DAGGA OR ANY OTHER DRUG IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES, E.G., DOCTORS, VETERINARY SURGEONS, ETC., WHEN AUTHORIZED TO DO SO IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR PROFESSION.

3. DAGGA IS VERY SIMILAR TO MARIHUANA. IT IS A WEED OR WILD PLANT IN ZAMBIA AND EVERY OWNER OR ACCUPIER OF LAND ON WHICH IT IS GROWING IS OBLIGED TO CLEAR IT AND BURN IT. THIS APPLIES AS WELL TO CULTIVATED PLANTS IN THE ABSENCE OF

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AUTHORITY OR LICENSES.

4. GRZ HAS SHOWN INCREASING INTEREST IN CURTAILING THE USE OF DRUGS FOR PERSONAL WAS AMONG ITS YOUTH. HOWEVER, ITS ACTION CENTER LARGELY ON HORTATORY RHOTORIC RATHER THAN THE IMPOSITION OF STIFF FINES. RECENTLY, A NUMBER OF ZAMBIANS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE U.K. AND LOCALLY FOR TRAFFICKING IN DAGGA.

THE PUNISHMENT FOR TRAFFICKERS TEND TO BE MUCH MORE SEVERE THAN
FOR USERS.
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